

Kaleidoscopic Komiks

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"MOVIES" SNAP THORPE SIGNING WITH MCGRAW

Indian Now Regular Giant, Will Go to Marlin With Team Feb. 16.

James Thorpe, after cleaning up the world's best athletes at the Olympic games in Stockholm, began a conquest of the diamond this afternoon when he officially became a member of the New York Giants by signing a contract for the coming season. The Indian's salary was not announced, but it is believed to be in the neighborhood of \$5,000.

The noted athlete will leave for the South with the first squad of McGraw's men on Feb. 16 and will leave to the Giants' manager what position he will play. The Indian said he pitched, played the outfield and first base, but he preferred the initial base. A few seconds after 2 o'clock Thorpe, who had been waiting for Manager McGraw in the office of the club in the Fifth Avenue Building, asked for his contract. Secretary Foster came from President Hempstead's office with a legal-looking document and the Indian quickly signed his name to it.

The Giants' leader arrived a moment or two later and posed with the new member of his team for dozens of pictures. Then the moving picture man got busy and took more pictures of McGraw and Thorpe signing the contract, the Indian smiling from ear to ear.

Prompted by Glenn Warner, Thorpe then underwent a grilling by newspaper men. The Indian was about as glib as his forefathers, but managed to say that he was delighted with the chance of playing baseball in New York. "I had offers from Pittsburgh and Cincinnati," said Thorpe, "but I didn't like the Western cities. They're too hot."

The Indian said he hadn't played since his experience in the Eastern League, the games which caused his downfall as an amateur, but was in good physical condition and hoped to make good under McGraw's teaching. While down South he batted right-handed.

Thorpe went on to say that he wanted to return to Carlisle to-night, but he didn't think he'd be able to finish out his commercial course in Uncle Sam's school because it had another year to run.

Thorpe spoke of his friendship with "Big Chief" Meyers of the Giants and

thought it a good joke that New York had two full-blooded Indians on one of its baseball teams.

GIANTS AND WHITE SOX TO TOUR WORLD. While the big audience of reporters was congratulating Thorpe, Johnny Ward, an old-time Giant, called on the phone to wish the Indian good luck on his new venture. "You certainly picked the right team," said the former Giant. Thorpe was still answering questions at a rapid clip when Ted Sullivan, one of the oldest ballplayers in captivity, blew into the office and made a grandstand speech about the grand tour of the world that the Giants and White Sox will make after the close of the regular season. "Yes," said the loquacious Ted, "the project has the backing of President Taft and several Senators and we will surely show the natives of the different countries that our diamond players are the best in the world."

The proposed trip will start from San Francisco some time in November and will take in all the leading cities in Europe, the two teams returning to this country in time for the 1914 season.

DETECTIVE VAN COTT EXONERATED BY WALDO.

Deputies' Investigation of "Shakedown" Charged by Untermyer R. suits in Restoration to Duty.

Police Commissioner Waldo today announced the complete exoneration of Detective Henry M. Van Cott, who was suspended on Thursday pending the investigation of charges made by Leo Untermyer of No. 26 East Tenth street. Untermyer, who had been arrested by Van Cott, charged with grand larceny, was not held by the Grand Jury. He went to Van Cott to demand that his fingerprints be taken out of the Police Department files and charged that Van Cott asked for money for destroying them.

Deputy Commissioners Walsh and Dougherty made an investigation which convinced them that Van Cott was not guilty. He has an excellent record on the books of the department. He was restored to duty at noon today.

GUILTY OF LURING WOMAN.

Jury Takes Only 45 Minutes to Convict Filante and Ribuffo.

A jury before Judge Hand, in the United States District Court, trying Frank Filante, a wine merchant of No. 28 Mott street, and Joseph Ribuffo, a barber of Patterson, N. J., who were charged with having lured pretty Mrs. Anna Greco Mansillo from her home on MacDougal street, into a house of ill fame in Patterson, brought in a verdict of guilty, this afternoon, against both.

The men were immediately remanded for sentence, next Wednesday. It took the jury only forty-five minutes to find the verdict.

News Oddities

Isset Pasha is the new head of the Turkish Army—is it? It is.

Catherine Tyndle, of Nantux, Del., only 107 years old, but does her own housework, washes for four families and helps the neighbors. She has raised nine children.

Unionville, O., is divided over a project to cut high living cost by raising potatoes in the village cemetery.

INAUGURAL BALL—The Moss Green Club of Louisville announces it will bring Kentucky hospitality with it to the inauguration March 4 and keep open house.

Dr. Martin Bohemern of Harvard says in the distant future human life will be created by chemical means and babies turned out by factories as chickens are hatched in an incubator.

Prof. W. Max Muller, U. of P., says the secret of the longevity of the ancient Egyptian lay in the fact that he drank a hundred "jars of beer a day" and had his feet tickled for hours by his numerous wives.

Saying it was God's order, a railway conductor cut out all cars of his train and ran from Fort Wayne, Ind., to Lansdale, O., with only a locomotive and caboose. Now he's in the Lansdale "cubhouse" pending examination as to his sanity.

A police man helped Miss Julia Routhall over a muddy crossing in Minneapolis. "Excuse me," he said as they reached the sidewalk, "there's a string trailing from your skirt. I'll cut it." He did and disappeared. Then she found the "string" had been cut and \$500 in cash and a \$5,000 stock certificate stolen.

Wading River, L. I., has come to the front with the first snake of spring.

CURE FOR RECKLESSNESS—Jonathan Strauss, a chauffeur, who took a drunken joy ride in his employer's auto and seriously injured a little girl, was sentenced to from two to six years in prison at Trenton.

Women seeking entrance to the Tabernacle in Columbus, O., where Rev. Billy Sunday is holding a revival, knocked down police and fought each other with bats. Several were injured.

SOCIETY NOTE—Patricia Hamilton and his wife had a rumper at their home, No. 21 Third street, Jersey City. She used a kettle of hot water to end the dispute and he is in the hospital.

A Great Britain, N. Dak., bee has invented an aero snowboat that has made sixty miles an hour over snow.

THE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

The following were the highest, lowest and last prices of stocks for the day and the net change as compared with yesterday's closing prices:

Stock	High	Low	Last	Net Change
Am. Sugar	110 1/2	110 1/4	110 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Tobacco	110 1/2	110 1/4	110 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Cotton	110 1/2	110 1/4	110 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Oil	110 1/2	110 1/4	110 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Gas	110 1/2	110 1/4	110 1/2	+ 1/4
Am. Electric	110 1/2	110 1/4	110 1/2	+ 1/4
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